

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 15:14-16

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CHRISTIAN, COME HOME! – PART 2

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Value, Worth, Salvation, Forgiveness, Repentance

**It's good for us to be Remembering just exactly what it was
that generated this series of parables...**

Luke 15:11-13

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. :12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that **falls to me.**' So he divided to them *his* **livelihood.** :13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered **all** together, **journeyed** to a far country, and there **wasted** his possessions with **prodigal** living.

Luke 15:14-16

But **when** he had **spent all**, there arose a **severe famine** in that land, and he began to be in **want.** :15 Then he went and **joined himself** to a **citizen** of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. :16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, - for no one gave **him anything.**

what was the cause, the reason or logic

behind this young man's desire to depart from his father's house
and to go out into the world?

We Need To Know, We Must Know

last time together we learned these keys

1.) All has been provided for v.11-12

1a.) His love has never been limited toward you

1b.) His plan has always included you

1c.) His desire has been for you

2.) Mercy has been extended v.13a

2a.) Even in the presence of sin

2b.) Even though you've wandered far from God

2c.) Even if you've made dumb decisions

3.) Conviction has been upon you v.13b

3a.) Because you've been doing the wrong thing

3b.) Because you've been going to the wrong place

3c.) Because you've been living the wrong life

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CHRISTIAN, COME HOME!

1.) Challenging times will come to you v.14

1a.) Life lived away from the Lord brings poverty v.14

But **when** he had **spent all**...

Verse 13

he **journeyed** to a far country,
and there **wasted** his possessions with **prodigal** living.

(Translation: everybody loved em' while he could afford the drinks)

The Picture is one of “Running Away” from the will of God.

The Will of God

is what the Lord has designed for you to do and to be in this life!

(1)

The will of God is ***the most perfect thing for you.***

(2)

The will of God ***originates from the Love of God.***

(3)

The will of God ***accomplishes the plans of God***

(4)

the will of God is ***in opposition to the will of this world.***

The Reason for His Leaving Home was to Avoid All That

Matthew 6:9-10

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
:10 your kingdom come, **your will be done** on earth as it is in heaven.

Dear Fellow Human,

What makes you think that they know what's best for you?

Where did you get this idea? Who's been your educator?

Again, Listen to This Verse - Proverbs 16:25

There is a way *that seems* right to a man, (it's his will)
But its end *is* the way of death.

CHALLENGING TIMES WILL COME TO YOU

1b.) Life lived away from the Lord brings uncertainty v.14

...there arose a **severe famine**
in that land, and he began to be in **need**.

Life lived away from the Lord brings uncertainty

it's now an almost "paranoid" existence.

*The Lord May Not Engineer Our Worldly Ventures,
but He will use them to bring about Hardships*

uncertainty

*(like Winnie the pooh, lost in the 100 acre wood, at night, in the fog.
every breeze, cricket, owl or sound terrifies him)*

**because you've been created in the image of God
you cannot be satisfied or gratified without God.**

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify
God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

CHALLENGING TIMES WILL COME TO YOU

1c.) Life lived away from the Lord brings regret v.14

and he began to be in **want**.

Webster 1828

Regret, The grief; sorrow; pain of mind caused by misfortune. the pain of conscience;
the regret and sorrow of sin. to be in a state of lamentation due to regrets. to go about
being sorrowful over for the past.

how you choose to deal with "regret"
will determine how you will "deal" with the rest of your life... - *meaning!*

1 Peter 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, :7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

1.) Challenging times will come to you v.14

2.) This world has nothing on you v.15

2a.) Christian – you’re His now – remember that v.15

Then he went and **joined himself** to a **citizen** of that country,

joined

kollaꞥw from **ko/lla**

to get stuck to or be glued to. to be caught in the company of another!

There’s a Slippery Slope Down to The Valley of Sin.

Revelation 2:5

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

What Happens When We Begin *to “join” ourselves to sinful things?*

the word means to persist at it, to keep on begging.

He “Enslaved” Himself, He “Sold” Himself
into a slavery of existence. – **But His Father Didn’t!!!**

Christian – you’re His now – remember that

His sin-debt became so great that he was reduced to begging a gentile to let him feed pigs – by his decision, he asked for the job!

Sins can get us to ask for terrible things.

John 8:34

Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

John 8:32

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

**The New Living Translation
Romans 6:20-23**

In those days, when you were slaves of sin, you weren't concerned with doing what was right. :21 And what was the result? It was not good, since now you are ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. :22 But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. :23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” :16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, :17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

THIS WORLD HAS NOTHING ON YOU

2b.) Christian – you're a long way from home – act like it v.15

a citizen of that country

the things of this world are
should be **dangerous** and **foreign** for the Christian.
we need to be careful that we don't walk to close to this world's city limits

Psalm 1:1-5

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; :2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. :3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. :4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. :5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Romans 8:13-14

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Holy Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. :14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God.

THIS WORLD HAS NOTHING ON YOU

2c.) Christian – you're called to a higher life – so live it v.15

he was **sent** into the fields **to feed** swine.

This Young Man's Situation

is anything but true regarding his real identity.

He is a Son of the Father.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. **:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Ephesians 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you **to live a life** worthy of the calling you have received.

Colossians 3:1-3

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **:2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **:3** For you died, and your life is now **hidden with Christ** in God.

hidden kru/ptw krupto, kroop'-to;

to conceal, to hide. to keep secret or out of sight. to remove from view.

Matryoshka Doll Here

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who **takes away** the sin of the world!"

Verse 15

he was **sent** into the fields **to feed** swine.

Church Listen, the “hard things” that he wouldn’t do for his loving father back home, he’s now having to do far worse things because he’s been reduced to being a slave to this world.

Every human being has been Invited by the Lord to Return to the Lord.

Project Human - The Creation of Mankind.

Cain’s Jealous Heart

Genesis 4:6-7

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? :7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”

CHRISTIAN, COME HOME!

1.) Challenging times will come to you v.14

2.) This world has nothing on you v.15

3.) You’re no longer of this world v.16

3a.) So what are you doing there? V.16

And he would “gladly” have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate,

gladly ejpiqume÷w epithumeo, *ep-ee-thoo-meh´-o;*

to place or to set your heart in. a longing or coveting, a desiring, to lust after.

The Things of This World

have tricked you and deceived you into thinking satisfaction could be had.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. :16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. :17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Galatians 5:16-18

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. :17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these **are contrary to one another**, so that you do not do the things that you desire. :18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

YOU'RE NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD

3b.) So how did you get there?

v.16

And he would gladly have filled his stomach
with the **Pods that the swine ate**,

So how did you get there?

He willingly "Took" his eyes off of God,
he began to "Look" at other Points of Interest,
he forgot God and His word.

"What's a Pod?"

it's the fruit of the carob tree used for fattening up animals
for butchering or slaughtering. – to the market...

"This Little Piggy"

2 Timothy 4:3-5

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; :4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. :5 But you be watchful

Hebrews 5:11

we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

a "pigs' meal" sounds good to him

**All Because He Let His Love for His Father & Home
Grow Cold**

anyone engaged to be married here - love has to be maintained

Jesus Warned Against “Cold” Love (cold love is more of a “business” love)

Revelation 3:15-16

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.
:16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Laodicea is situated 11 miles downstream from the city of Colossae and 6 miles downstream from the city of Hierapolis

Colossae

Was known for its ice cold, mountain spring water which flowed from Mount Cadmus // Many travelers would make it a point to go to the streams of Colossae to be refreshed in its cold, clear mountain waters.

Hierapolis

On the other hand, was a place that was situated above a seismic fissure in the earth where hot mineral water flowed up and out into large therapeutic pools used for healing and relaxation. Like Colossi, travelers and vacationers would make their way to Hierapolis for refreshing!

Laodicea

This city existed between or in the Middle of these two other locations. as the water of these other two cities descended down from their elevations to enter the Lycus river valley, the hot and cold waters met at Laodicea.

Jude 1:20

But you, beloved, **building** yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying** in the Holy Spirit, :21 **keep** yourselves in the love of God, **looking** for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

YOU'RE NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD

3c.) So why are you there?

v.16

- for **no one** gave him anything.

You might be Seeking Fun & Pleasure at The Feed Trough of the World, but the Bill is Coming...

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death, but **the gift of God** *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Because You're a "Real" Christian, You Have a New Address

Romans 6:14

For **sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.

Philippians 3:17-20

Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. **:18** For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. **:19** Their future is eternal destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and all they think about is this life here on earth. **:20** For **we are citizens of heaven**, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

————— *End of Study* —————